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Remarks / Arguments

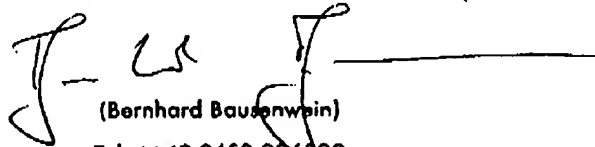
While we still think that claims 29 and 30 cover the same invention and are in fact congruent, but mathematically differently put, we do not want to traverse your argument that the independent claims (before this amendment and the selection) cover distinct patentable species of the invention. We do especially agree that claim 28, a procedural claim, covers an exclusive area of the invention (which is not part of claim 27).

As a consequence to your Office Action with the requirement to election, we have selected independent claim 30, which we think follows very closely the description of the invention in text and figures.

Accordingly, dependent claims 2, 5-7, 12-18, 21-26 have now been amended to depend on this selected generic claim. Claims 3 and 4 depend on 2 and 3, respectively, and thus are finally also dependent on 30, as are claims 8 and 20, which depend on claim 7 and 15, respectively.

We have withdrawn claims 27, 28, 29. We will prosecute claim 28 in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted, sincerely,



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